

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
 - receiving an information request from a user, wherein the information request includes voice data;
 - searching a data network to extract content based on the information request; and
 - sending the extracted content to be displayed to the user via a set-top box.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the information request from the user comprises receiving the information request via a public switched telephone system (PSTN).
3. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the information request from the user comprises receiving the information request via a wireless network.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the data network is the Intranet.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the data network is a searchable medium capable of storing on-line information.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the extracted content to the user via the set-top box comprises sending the extracted content to the set-top box via a cable television (CATV) network.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the extracted content to the user via the set-top box comprises sending the extracted content to the set-top box via a satellite network.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein displaying the extracted content to the user via the set-top box comprises displaying the extracted content to one or more of a television, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a printer, a laptop computer and a desktop computer via the set-top box.
9. A system comprising:
 - a port that receives an information request from a user, wherein the information request includes voice data; and
 - a search and analysis engine that searches a data network to extract content based on the information request, wherein the search and analysis engine sends the extracted content to be displayed to the user via a set-top box.
10. The system of claim 9, wherein the port receives the information request from the user via a public switched telephone system (PSTN).

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the port receives the information request from the user via a wireless network.
12. The system of claim 9, wherein the data network is the Intranet.
13. The system of claim 9, wherein the data network is a searchable medium capable of storing on-line information.
14. The system of claim 9, wherein the search and analysis engine sends the extracted content via a cable television (CATV) network to be displayed to the user via a set-top box.
15. The system of claim 9, wherein the search and analysis engine sends the extracted content via a satellite network to be displayed to the user via a set-top box.
16. The system of claim 9, wherein the extracted content is displayed to the user via the set-top box via one or more of a television, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a printer, a laptop computer and a desktop computer via the set-top box.
17. A machine-readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processing system, cause the processing system to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving an information request from a user, wherein the information request includes voice data;

searching a data network to extract content based on the information request; and

sending the extracted content to be displayed to the user via a set-top box.

18. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein receiving the information request from the user comprises receiving the information request via a public switched telephone system (PSTN).
19. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein receiving the information request from the user comprises receiving the information request via a wireless network.
20. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the data network is the Intranet.
21. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the data network is a searchable medium capable of storing on-line information.
22. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein displaying the extracted content to the user via the set-top box comprises sending the extracted content to the set-top box via a cable television (CATV) network.

23. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein displaying the extracted content to the user via the set-top box comprises sending the extracted content to the set-top box via a satellite network.
24. The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein displaying the extracted content to the user via the set-top box comprises displaying the extracted content to one or more of a television, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a printer, a laptop computer and a desktop computer via the set-top box.